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SUB: GDR ACCUSES FRG OF BLOCKING CHILDREN'S FUND

1. AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND MARCH 12 ACCUSED FRG AUTHORITIES OF PLAYING POLITICS WITH LIVES OF OVER 25,000 CHILDREN IN GDR BY WITHHOLDING FROM THEM SOME 100 MILLION DM IN TRUST MONEY OBLIGATED BY FRG CITIZENS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, FRG HAS ILLEGALLY BLOCKED RELEASE OF THE FUNDS, WHICH GO PRIMARILY TO GDR CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK TO FRG FATHERS OR CHILDREN OF DIVORCED PARENTS, IN APPARENT EFFORT TO LINK RELEASE OF THE TRUST MONEY TO OTHER NEGOTIATIONS. ARTICLE POINTED FINGER AT " POLITICIANS OF FRG, WHO CANNOT TALK ENOUGH ABOUT HUMANENESS, BUT REFUSE TRANSFER OF MONEY WHICH IS NOT THEIRS."

2. COMMENT. GDR HAS CLEARLY SEIZED ON HIGHLY EMOTIONAL ISSUE IN ATTACKING FRG POSITION ON CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND. DESPITE LEGITIMACY OF FRG BLOCKING MANEUVER IN WAKE OF GDR REFUSAL TO PERMIT CHILDREN TO JOIN PARENTS IN FRG UNTIL RATIFICATION OF GENERAL RELATIONS TREATY (NOT MENTIONED IN ARTICLE), GDR PROBABLY FEELS ITS ACCUSATION THAT CHILDREN ARE SUBJECTED TO DEPRIVATION FOR FRG POLITICAL REASONS MAY EVOKE SYMPATHY IN BOTH EAST AND WEST GERMANY. KLEIN

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